



Welcome to the 2019 school year.

Welcome to our new students, whanau and teachers – we hope you feel welcome into the Highfield School community.

We have had a really positive start with children settled into their classrooms and teachers are full of ideas and inspiration. Our teacher aides are all ready to go and Debbie Price is all set to start learning support groups in Atawhai. Te Whare Maru looks refreshed and is up and running.

You will notice changes to the buildings and grounds. The staff carpark has been cleared, sealed and painted for easier access and more parks. Rooms 1 and 2 are in the process of being up-graded and developed into a more current learning environment. We expect to be moving in for Term 2. Meanwhile we are utilising other spaces for our Year 1&2 children. Te Whare Maru has had an upgrade to the toileting area. Gardens have had a spruce up and each class has adopted a garden area to be responsible for. Soon you will see an upgrade to the junior play area with a child-safe swing installed. The Board of Trustees has contributed by approving 49" TVs in every classroom to replace the unreliable data projectors.

In line with a few changes we are making in other areas – the activity fee will be \$7.50 per term – invoiced per term. This is the same as previously just spread across the year. We hope this will be easier for parents to pay. We will do our best to keep activities within this range so there will be no need for extra charges. As well as this activity fee we also invite a school donation of \$50 per child or \$100 for 3 or more children. We know this flies in the face of 'free education' but as you will appreciate school budgets are tight with very little flexibility. We appreciate any contributions. On a positive note the Board of Trustees has budgeted to pay all costs for the swimming programme at CBay. This means it is a compulsory school activity and all students will be expected to take part.

Goal setting interviews are scheduled for February 13 and 14. Invitations to select your preferred time are now live. We would love 100% turnout. www.schoolinterviews.co.nz enter code a94c4

The Board of Trustees has approved the Annual Plan for 2019. This is available for viewing at the office.

There is more information enclosed about the shift from Flexibuzz to Skool Loop. This is a free app to schools paid for by sponsorship from Timaru businesses to cover the costs. Teachers also use See-Saw to communicate with whanau.

Communication is very important to us – we will do our best to keep you informed and we encourage open communication from parents as well. I will try to be available for meetings as requested and the best way to do this is to contact the office for a time or email me on rlitch@outlook.co.nz

Our theme for the year is Manaakitanga – this will be the focus of our classroom inquiry and our staff protocol and expectation.

"Manaakitanga is a measure of generosity, respect and care that one shows for those around them. This might come through someone's hospitality, their disposition to help others at a time of need or via simple gestures that demonstrate someone's ability to extend their love and compassion (aroha) to those looking for moral support. Hospitality, kindness, generosity, support – the process of showing respect, generosity and care for others"

2019 will be year of moving forward, of building on the foundations already laid and setting higher expectations and standards of excellence for every aspect of Highfield School. We invite you to come along with us as we work to achieve this.

Thank you all for your support.

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School Notices

Goal Setting Interviews:

Wednesday 13th Feb 3.15 - 6pm

Thursday 14th Feb 3.15 - 6pm

This is our opportunity for us to hear a little more about your child and to set goals together. Please make your booking online at <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/kiosk?ecode=a94c4>

If you need us to book for you, please see your child's classroom teacher.

Year 5 / 6 Camp at Lindsfarne

Rm 5 / 6 / 8 – Monday 1st

April – Wednesday 3rd April

Rm 9 / 10 – Wednesday 3rd

April – Friday 5th April

Notice 1 went home last week. Have you

remembered to return the slips about Parent Helpers and the Grocery Raffle.

These are due back by Friday 8th February.

Breakfast Club

Is there anyone from our community that is willing to assist with this..... please see Mrs Cooper if you have any suggestions

Skool Loop

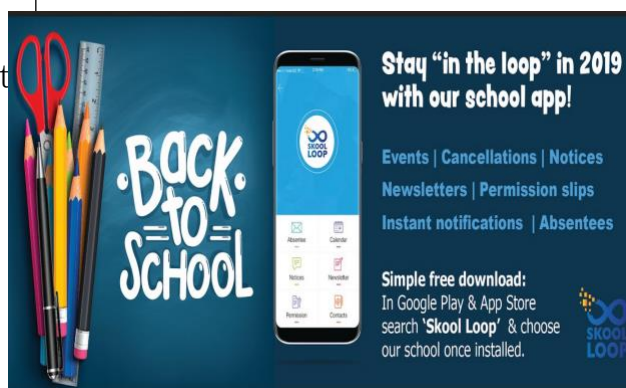
We do want to allow you to stay in touch with what's happening at Highfield School. Last year we used Flexibuzz for this but this year we have changed to a new free app - Skool Loop.

This allows us to get information to you instantly (and not lost at the bottom of your child's bag.)

Follow the instructions below and stay connected with us.

Traffic Survey:

We are inviting families to participate in a school travel survey to help us better understand the dynamics around travel mode choices, journeys to school and any road safety concerns. This online survey (via survey monkey) will be open on Monday when the link is provided. A computer will be available in the office area for those who need...perhaps even before or after your Goal Setting Interviews on either Wednesday or Thursday. A paper survey will come home with your 'oldest' child on Monday 11 Feb, if you indicate to the office that you would prefer to do the survey this way.



Updating Contact details

If your contact details – address / phone numbers - have changed over the holidays please let the office know.

TERM DIARY 2019	
08 February	Team Kauri / Rimu Assembly
13-14 February	Goal Setting Interviews – 3.15pm
15 February	Fun Afternoon – 1pm
22 February	Team Kauri / Rimu Assembly
28 February	Science in a Van
06 March	Swimming Sports – Yr 3-8
08 March	Interschools Triathlon
08 March	Team Kauri / Rimu Assembly
22 March	Team Kauri / Rimu Assembly
29 March	Interschools Swimming

NEW TEACHERS AT HIGHFIELD SCHOOL

Mr Anthony Eyles

Mrs Judy Smith

Miss Donna Barratt



Powhiri Photos



CHILDREN'S DAY 2019

For families looking for fun activities on Sunday 3rd March, the ever popular Children's Day event is the place to be, at the Caroline Bay hall from 10am to 2pm.

This free annual event will offer an array of events and activities that will keep families busy and will be a great opportunity for mums and dads to join in and do things with their children. They can play exciting games, test their skills in interesting activities or simply have a great time watching the selection of entertainment. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and make a day of it, last year many hundreds of people took part. The day's activities include music and movement, mini train rides, bouncy castles, free food and inter-active displays from emergency services. Many of the Caroline Bay rides will operate free between 10am and 2pm.

Children will have a chance to perform with a band, take part in outside games, or even try their hand at fly fishing or obstacle courses. For the little ones under five years, there will be ride-on-toys, face painting and a lot more. As in previous years there will also be great activities for the older children, organised by the YMCA. Put this date in your diary now.



CAPTAIN
UNDERPANTS
SWEET
WEEK 4,
QUIZ,
COLOURING
COMPETITIONS,
MOVIE,
PICTURE
SEARCH &

House Fun Afternoon
Friday 15th February
1pm

Mufti - wear your house colour!

Whanau welcome to come and support

Pita Pit School Lunches

\$3 Pita Pit Day

\$3 Day at Highfield - Friday 15th February

\$3 Pita Pit Relaunch Promo Day

(Normal prices resumes 22nd Feb)

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